

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 543
By Crowe

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Dennis T. Powell for his meritorious service to his profession and upon his receipt of the 1998 TIME Magazine Quality Dealer Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected representatives of the state of Tennessee should pause to pay tribute to those exemplary citizens who are credits to their respective professions; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding person is Dennis T. Powell, president and general manager of Dennis Powell Chrysler Plymouth Jeep Eagle in Johnson City, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Powell was awarded the 1998 TIME Magazine Quality Dealer Award by TIME Magazine and cosponsor of the award, The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, during the National Automobile Dealers Association's (NADA) annual convention; and

WHEREAS, the award is given annually to recognize outstanding new car dealers for exceptional performance in their dealerships and distinguished community service; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Powell is one of only 74 dealers, from more than 20,500 dealers nationwide, nominated for the magazine's 29th Annual Award. Finalists for this prestigious award are selected by panelists from the University of Michigan's Graduate School of Business Administration, and, in turn, TIME magazine makes an annual grant of scholarship funds to the Michigan Business School; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Powell began selling used cars after college; over the years, he worked at several car dealerships before becoming a co-owner of Bailey-Powell Motors in 1959.

WHEREAS, in 1971, he opened Dennis Powell Chrysler Plymouth, Inc., and his sterling performance at his own dealership has earned him the 1998 TIME Magazine Quality Dealer Award; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the demands of his dealership, Mr. Powell still finds time to render astute public service as a member of the Lions International District Council; vice president of the East Tennessee State University Foundation; and as a member of the Johnson City Chamber of Commerce and the Johnson City Medical Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Dennis T. Powell exemplifies the spirit and dedication that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Powell enjoys the loving companionship of his wife, Mary Rudd Powell, and their five children and five grandchildren; by means of his remarkable dedication and compassion, he fulfills the most valuable of all his roles, that of a family man; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Dennis T. Powell for his meritorious service to the state of Tennessee and congratulate him upon his receipt of the 1998 TIME Magazine Quality Dealer Award and wish him every continued success in future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.